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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

ILLINOIS.

Communicable Diseases—Notification of Cases—Placarding—Quarantine—Removals—Disinfection—Funerals. (Reg. Bd. of H., Dec. 12, 1914.)

1. *Reports to local health authorities.*—Every physician who treats or examines, every nurse or attendant who attends, every householder upon whose premises there resides, and every person who has knowledge of any person suffering from, or suspected to be suffering from or afflicted with, any of the diseases enumerated in this section (hereafter referred to as “reportable diseases”) must immediately report the same in writing, or by telephone followed by a written report, to the local health officer, health commissioner, or chairman of the board of health, as the case may be.

If the municipality has no health officer, reports of these diseases must be made to the mayor of the city, president of the village, or to the official designated by ordinance to receive the same.

Cases occurring in territory outside of the limits of a municipality must be reported to the person designated by the rules of the township or county board of health to receive such reports, or, if there be no such person designated by such rules, reports must be made to the supervisor of the township, or to the county board of health.

Reportable diseases, class 1.—Acute infectious poliomyelitis, Asiatic cholera, bubonic plague, cerebrospinal fever, chicken-pox, diphtheria (membranous croup), leprosy, measles, meningitis (epidemic cerebrospinal), Rocky Mountain spotted fever, scarlet fever (scarlatina, scarlet rash), smallpox, typhus fever, whooping cough, and yellow fever.

Reportable diseases, class 2.—Actinomycosis, anthrax, “continued fever” (over seven days’ duration), dysentery (a) amebic, (b) bacillary, German measles, glanders, hookworm disease, malaria, mumps, ophthalmia neonatorum, pellagra, puerperal septicemia, rabies, streptococcus, (septic) sore throat, tetanus, trichinosis, trachoma, typhoid and paratyphoid fever, and tuberculosis of any form.

Every person to whom reports of cases of reportable diseases are made shall keep a record of each case, in which shall be shown date when report was received, name, age, sex, and residence of the patient, disease, date when taken sick, date when case was terminated and how terminated, and name and address of person reporting. This record shall be open at all times to the inspection of duly authorized representatives of the State board of health.

2. *Reports to the State board of health.*—Every person to whom reports of reportable diseases are made must forward reports of the same on forms provided for the purpose to the State board of health at Springfield, as follows:

Every case of reportable disease of class 1 (except measles and whooping cough) must be reported immediately upon receipt of notification. If reported by telephone or telegraph, a written report must follow.

Every case of a reportable disease of class 2 and of measles and whooping cough must be reported within two days after the close of the week in which notification was received.

3. *Placarding*.—Immediately upon receipt of a report of a case of any reportable disease of class 1, and certain diseases of class 2, the person receiving same, his deputy or duly authorized representative, shall visit the premises upon which the case exists, affix the required warning placard in a conspicuous place at each outside entrance of the building, house, or flat, as the case may be, and shall inform a responsible inmate of such premises of the rules and regulations which must be observed during the period of quarantine. Defacement of such placards or their removal by any other than the local health authorities or their duly authorized representatives of the State board of health is strictly prohibited.

4. *Quarantine*.—Quarantine must be strictly enforced and observed according to the requirements set forth in the rules adopted and promulgated by the State board of health for the control of these diseases. (Copies of the rules governing each of the diseases of class 1, and certain of the diseases of class 2, can be obtained on application to the State board of health.)

In no instance shall quarantine be terminated without the permission of the local health authorities or of the State board of health, and then only after full compliance with the rules.

5. *Removals*.—No person having any reportable disease (excepting hookworm disease, malaria, ophthalmia neonatorum, rabies, trichinosis, tetanus, and tuberculosis) shall be removed from the premises on which he is found when the case is diagnosed, except by permission of the local health authorities or the State board of health, nor shall he be removed from the municipality, township, or county in which he is found when the case is diagnosed or in which he is under treatment, except by permission of the State board of health.

6. *Disinfection*.—After the recovery, removal, or death of any person affected with any of the diseases of class 1, or with certain diseases of class 2, the infected premises, contents, and inmates must be thoroughly disinfected in a manner and method prescribed by the State board of health for each of the several diseases.

Disinfection shall be performed by or under the supervision of the local health authorities, or by their duly authorized representatives.

7. *Precautions to be observed by physicians and attendants*.—Physicians attending cases of reportable diseases shall be permitted to visit their patients whenever necessary, but on leaving the infected premises they must take all necessary precautions to avoid carrying the infection on person, clothing, or any article they may have had with them in the sick room.

Nurses or attendants may leave the infected premises only in cases of absolute necessity, and then only upon permission of the local health authorities and after taking all precautions to avoid carrying the infection.

An ample supply of towels, basins, water, soap, and an approved disinfectant should always be kept on hand for use by the physician and the attendant.

8. *Disposal of the dead*.—In event of death from any of the reportable diseases, the body shall be prepared and the funeral shall be conducted in the manner prescribed in the rules for the control of the several diseases.

Public or church funerals of persons dead from any of the reportable diseases of class 1 and certain of the diseases of class 2 are strictly prohibited. (For modification of this requirement with respect to certain diseases, see the special rules for the control of the respective diseases.)

When the body of anyone dead from a reportable disease is to be transported by railroad or by other common carrier, the official rules of the State board of health for transportation of the dead must be observed.

[These regulations were in force throughout Illinois on and after Feb. 16, 1915.]